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Politics in the Age of AIDS

by Michael Gorman

Those who came to Washington D.C. to remember and to mourn were as diverse as the colorful panels of the quilt they traveled here to see.

Men, women, families, members of every race, farmers, workers, gays, straights, Americans, foreigners, famous entertainers, politicians, all joined together by their common need to remember those they loved.

The crowd itself stood in

9 forced the cancellation of the first day of the planned display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt on the grounds of the Washington Monument here.

But like a flower after the rain, the multi-colored, 15 acre quilt unfolded on Saturday with the help of hundreds

"Vote! Vote! Vote! We need someone in the White House who has the balls to say the word AIDS publicly."

Harvey Fierstein

testimony to the sweeping scope of the epidemic. As the activists say, "AIDS does not discriminate."

A rainstorm on Friday, Oct.

of white-clad volunteers from 50 states and around the world.

The quilt, brainstorm of San Francisco gay activist and

supervisory candidate Cleve Jones, is made up of 20,064 individual 3'x6' panels (with at least 1000 more from many countries brought to the site during the weekend) designed and sewn by the lovers, friends, and relatives of those who died.

The panels are sometimes sober and sometimes funny. One, made out of leather with studded lettering includes a teddy bear in full leathers.

Scrawled in a childish handwriting on one man's panel are the words, "I love you, Daddy." A toddler's panel bears her picture and handwritten declarations of love from her foster family.

The panels of several drag queens are appropriately flamboyant.

Sketches, poems, shirts, a jock strap, notes, jewelry -- the panels carry pieces of lives remembered.

Despite the delay in unfolding the quilt, organizers from The Names Project went ahead with the scheduled roll call of the names from the quilt, saying that two full days of non-stop reading were necessary to finish the list. Hundreds stood tearfully in the rain to listen to the Friday readers, including Broadway actor/playwright Harvey Fierstein and actress Susan Sarandon.

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20,064 panels of the Names Project Memorial Quilt were displayed in Washington D.C. October 9.

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Don't Run, Stay and Fight for Us

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter printed in you mid-September issue, by John D. and Sonny C. Helm.

They wrote that if Bush and Quayle were re-elected, they would leave the U.S. and seek asylum in Canada because they wouldn't wait like the German gays 60 years ago to be herded off in cattle cars to Auschwitz and Dachau.

Let me remind the Helms that 60 years ago thousands of Jews, socialists, and gays fled to neighboring Holland, France and Poland, thinking they were safe. Needless to say history documents that these same countries fell to the Nazis. Those that were not caught fled to Italy, Russia and Greece and the same thing happened there.

Let's stop running. We cannot let history repeat itself. This time brothers and sisters let's stand up and fight. Through letter writing, at the ballot box, in association with other concerned persons and minorities. This time gay and lesbians let's fight.

Roberto Morales

No Men Welcome at "Gay Youth"

Dear Editor,

Some questions were raised last month as to why SACWN didn't open the "Gay Youth" premiere to men and youths

since the film is obviously of interest to the greater community. We want to re-visit this question with you.

Obviously, homophobia, discrimination, and fear are rampant in our society or there wouldn't even be a need for such films. The reality is that teachers, counselors, school aides and administrators can lose their jobs, their careers in some Sacramento area communities if their lesbianism is discovered.

The last time a teenager came to one of our events, she ran right into the administrator of her high school system who was not "out" to her. It was a terribly uncomfortable and potentially disastrous experience for all involved.

"Gay Youth's" filmmaker has the admirable, challenging goal of getting this film into every high school in California -- in every state possible. This will only happen if as many caring school administrators, teachers, counselors, aides, therapists, nurses, parents etc. see it as possible and work in whatever ways they can to bring it into their school districts. Only in that way can the hundreds and thousands of youths who need to see this film be exposed to it.

We made the decision that it was of greatest importance to make our members as comfortable as possible to come see this film. Many of us work in and around the

educational system at all levels, and each one of us has the potential to bring it to many dozens, if not hundreds more.

Several other local groups have been contacted by SACWN, such as the Sacramento Area Gay and Lesbian Educators (SAGLE) and the Lambda Community Center (both their youth group and community education) to offer our assistance to help them bring the film to their diverse audiences too.

So, that is the full story -- such decisions are not made arbitrarily, or without thought. Rosemary Metrailler
SACWN Corporate Coordinator

Thanks for Noticing

To the Gay and Lesbian Community,

Thank you for having voted the Rage Sacramento's best supportive non-gay bar. On behalf of my whole staff, this award was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Magon Wong
Owner/Manager of the Rage

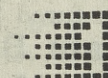
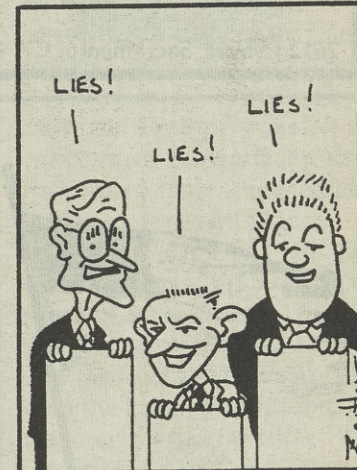
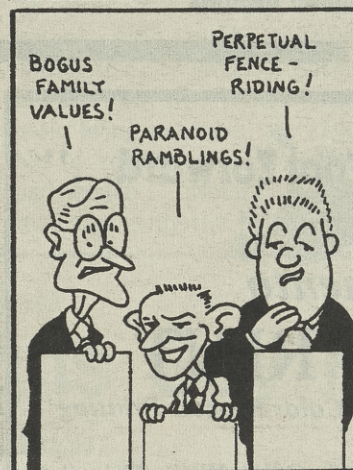
Cut Backs are Hurting PWAs

Dear Editor,

Recently it came to my attention that all in-home support recipients were cut back 12% of state aid. There was an appeal or an exemption of such cuts.

I urge all of you to ask for a review and exemption to these cut backs. Why should all of our people with AIDS or ARC face our last years of sickness with this slap in the face by that idiot Pete Wilson?

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LETTERS

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This governor who out front cuts funding for the disabled, the elderly and the poor and then gives tax breaks to the rich -- he should be impeached today.

I urge everyone who received the notice of cut back to use the letter as toilet paper and send it back to the capitol of all toilets and our governor Pee Tah Weelson.

David Andrews

Bush's Friends Play While the Little Man Pays

Dear Editor,

President Bush's so called "drug war" continues to concentrate on small time street dealers and buyers nationwide. This is being done because of the power and political connections of the big time financiers and suppliers involved. This is clearly a case of the big man doing all of the playing while the little man does all the paying.

Bush's so called "drug war" has created a logjam of cases for law enforcement, prosecutors, public defenders and the courts nationwide. This has led to massive jail and prison overcrowding.

If we must have a "drug war," I do prefer one that does not protect and uphold the monopoly of the big time financiers, suppliers, powerful and well connected.

This is the major reason

why I avidly support and plan to vote for the Clinton/Cole ticket.

Sincerely,
David Raffield

Let's Put This On the Front Page

Dear Editor,

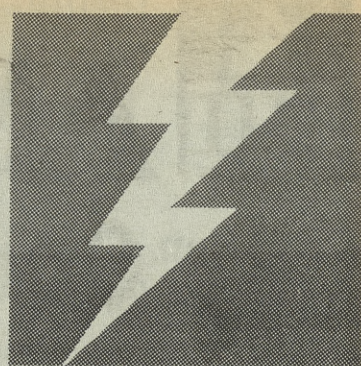
I just read an article in Newsweek, September 14, 1992 and I was horrified.

I don't understand why we never read about things like this in any of our gay newspapers.

In Portland, Maine, an ordinance to lower gay discrimination in housing, employment and credit was just defeated. Worse, in Oregon, voters will be asked to classify homosexuality as abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse. A similar measure is on the fall ballot in Colorado. We could go on for many other states.

So, let's make it a point that we get those kind of news on the front page, so we all can stick together because Sacramento is not the safest place for gay people either!

Walter F. Mueller
Hans Huber



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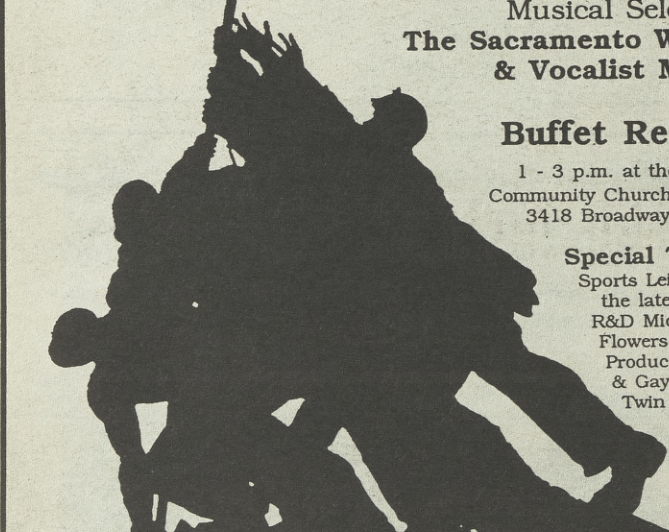
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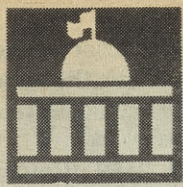
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AROUND TOWN

City Council Votes For Domestic Partners

by Mike Kelly

In a stunning 7 to 2 victory for Mayor Rudin, Sacramento's City Council voted overwhelmingly to support her Domestic Partners Ordinance.

The crowd that overflowed from the City Hall meeting room Oct. 13, gave the mayor a long standing ovation as she entered the chamber. Smiling broadly, she cautioned the 99% gay crowd, "Better wait till all the votes are in."

Rudin introduced the measure supporting extended and alternative families by saying these new forms of domestic partnership "are not intended

to replace marriage, but to be another form of contract -- marriage is a contract. This is another form of contract."

Working with the mayor was the Family Diversity Task Force led by chairpersons Eileen Gillis and Michael Boyd. Both Gillis and Boyd hailed the mayor for her conviction and courage in presenting this controversial issue to the council.

The Family Diversity Task Force presented the mayor with more than 100 letters and brought in the support of over 150 local organizations, including senior citizens, the disabled, racial minorities, businesses, and religious organizations.

The ordinance will take effect 30 days after its adoption, so partnerships may be

registered with the City Clerk's office as soon as Monday, Nov. 16.

Any two persons, 18 years or older and mentally competent, who reside together within the city limits of Sacramento and who share their basic living expenses, are eligible to register their domestic partnership. Notary publics may also verify the registration

forms in private.

In anticipation of objections, Boyd said "We're not telling people how to live, but inviting them to tell us how they live together and benefit from loving relationships." But for Councilman Tom Chinn, it was not love, but rather, money as the key issue. He maintained staunch

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Coming Out at the Capitol and Dinner

National Coming Out Day 1992 was marked by an enthusiastic rally during the day and a multi-media political dinner at night.

The noon rally brought hundreds of activists to the capitol, in search of National Coming Out Day.

This year's rally paled in comparison to the loud and vocal crowd of last year. Last year Governor Pete Wilson had just vetoed AB101, the gay rights bill and many people who felt betrayed and came to express their anger.

This year the attitude was different due to the signing of AB2601, the most recent gay rights bill.

Peaceful and subdued, the crowd patiently listened to speaker after speaker talk about coming out as gay/lesbian and bi-sexual people.

Gay rights activist, Lee Nichols, spoke on coming out late in life, "I wish that someone would have outed me," he said, "I think we should change it from 'National ninety-two



S.F. Supervisor Carol Migden.

Coming Out Day' to 'National Come Out or I'll Out You Day.'"

Scott Seibert, an activist from Oregon fighting proposition 9, (the bill that is attempting to take away nearly all civil rights for gays and lesbians,) made an alarming

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Gay Rights Legislation Update

Wilson Signs Gay Rights Bill

by Stacy Selmants

After over a decade of bitter political disappointments -- including two vetoes from two different governors -- California finally has a law that protects gays and lesbians from discrimination in the workplace, which will take effect on January 1.

Governor Pete Wilson surprised many political observers when he signed Assembly Bill 2601 (Friedman) into law on Sept. 25. Capitol oddsmakers expected another veto from a skittish governor (who is tired of dodging political broadsides from a fractious, angry group of conservative lawmakers). AB 2601, while not affording some of the more comprehensive protections of last year's AB 101, would formalize administrative remedies put into place last November, to combat job discrimination against gays and lesbians.

AB 2601 would allow gays to file discrimination complaints with the state's Labor Commission, which would be required to act upon the complaints within 90 days of the filing date. If their complaints are found to

be valid, gays and lesbians who suffer job discrimination could be awarded civil damages, including job reinstatement and/or back pay.

One perceived "downside" of the law is a shortened 30 day statute of limitations, as opposed to the one year filing period contained in last year's AB 101. Another concession

made by the author to ensure passage of the bill is that the discrimination complaints will be reviewed by the Labor Commission, rather than the state's Department of Fair Employment and Housing -- a shift in enforcement responsibility that has created some apprehension among some gay activists.

"The 30 day limit to file shouldn't be a problem," explained Laurie McBride, Executive Director of the LIFE Lobby, who carried the bill. "We worked with the Labor Commission, to work out a waiver process. We understand that sometimes people don't find out why they were discriminated against for some time. The waiver process will should solve any delays in

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filing."

"And actually," McBride continued, "Victoria Bradshaw at the Labor Commission, has been very pro-active, and her staff has gone through hours of specialized training on the issue. Since the Commission started accepting complaints last November, they've received about 90 from gays and lesbians."

McBride and some of the bill's other supporters have been conferring with civil rights attorneys who handle discrimination complaints, about the final form of the bill and its

potential impact upon discrimination law.

"They all are very enthusiastic," McBride said, "Because the bill is so employment specific. The bill does exactly what we want it to do."

While gay activists rejoiced about the success of AB 2601, they were displeased, but not terribly surprised at the Wilson's vindictive veto of Assembly Speaker Willie Brown's omnibus civil rights bill, Assembly Bill 3825. The bill, which addressed the civil rights of many minority groups, including gays and lesbians was doomed from its inception. Speaker Brown and the governor's very personal, very nasty, and very public turf wars over reapportionment and the budget made the bill's probability for success into a real sucker's bet.

Wilson defended his position on Brown's bill without conceding that his personal animosity towards Brown played any part in his decision. His main rationale was the common Republican response, that the bill was "unnecessary."

Wilson reasoned, "This omnibus bill contains a substantial number of provisions which have already been enacted or will soon be implemented, but also contains other provisions which exceed the balance necessary to provide remedies for aggrieved victims of discrimination, while not overburdening business and harming the climate California must cultivate to provide jobs for its citizens."

Other gay-related bills:

Vetoes

Assembly Bill 2525 (Brown) and Senate Bill 1418 (Watson) were controversial bills to create a pilot needle exchange program in San Francisco. Again, their authors' own recent personal fights with the Governor Wilson negatively affected their outcomes. Wilson's expressed fears that a needle exchange program -- even as a response to increasing cases of AIDS among the intravenous drug users -- if sanctioned by the government, would "threaten the credibility of our ongoing anti-drug efforts."

Regina Aragon, State Policy Coordinator for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation issued a negative statement accusing the governor of hiding "...behind the ridiculous and completely unsubstantiated fears of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the shallow argument that there is insufficient evidence to demonstrate the efficacy of needle exchange." San Francisco's AIDS Founda-

tion, a primary sponsor of the bill, is likely to revisit the issue in when the new Legislative session begins.

Assembly Bill 2169 (Gotch) would have required the Insurance Commissioner to prepare a study regarding health coverage for people with HIV/AIDS.

Wilson's veto message said "The bill is unnecessary. Much of the information has been examined by various entities. It would be duplicative and a waste of resources to duplicate a similar study."

Signed Bills

AB401 (Chapter 1267) -- mandates that the State Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training develop training guidelines relating to diversity training, including sensitivity to gender and sexual orientation issues.

AB 3407 (Chapter 3407) -- would have the same commission develop training standards relating to handling hate crimes.

AB 311 (Moore) -- the passage of this civil rights bill was used as a rationale to veto Brown's AB 3825. It would expand existing avenues at the state Department of Fair Employment and Housing to enforce fair employment and housing statutes.

AB 1286 (Chapter 912) -- an omnibus bill, it will allow a city, county or district attorney's office to act on behalf of a person suffering discrimination due to HIV/AIDS.



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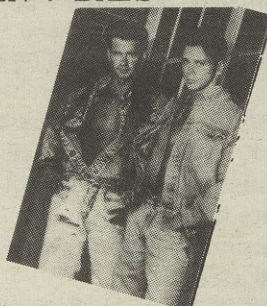
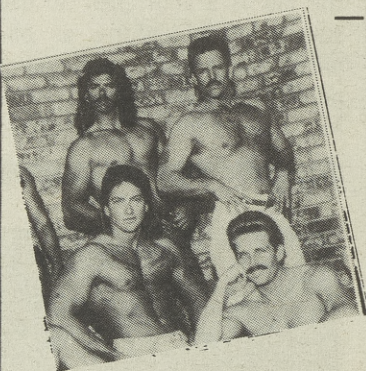
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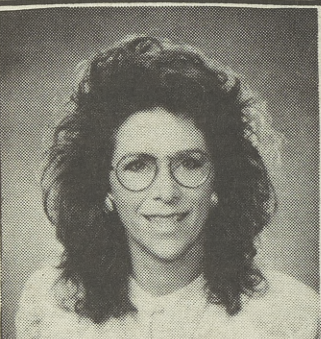
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Veteran Groups are Forced To See Gay Vets

by Stan Carlsen

Gay and lesbian Veterans will be recognized this Veteran's Day in Sacramento with a ceremony and possibly a marching contingent in the local parade.

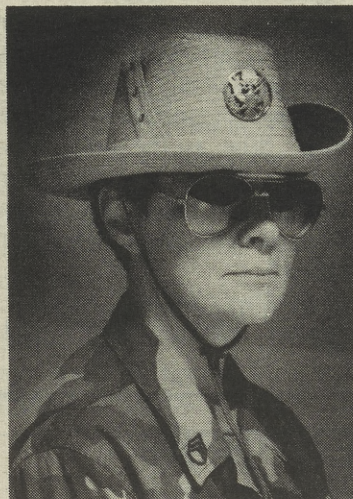
The Twin Spirits Veteran's Association along with the Lesbian and Gay Town Council are producing a "Tribute to Gay and Lesbian Veterans," which will take place on Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the State Capitol grounds.

The key-note speakers for the Nov. 7 event are SSG. Miriam Ben-Shalom and Keith Meinhold. Both have been discharged from the military because they are homosexual.

Miriam Ben-Shalom was honorably discharged from the Army in 1976 for truthfully answering questions about her sexual orientation. After years of fighting her discharge from military service, Ben-Shalom

was the only soldier to actually win reinstatement. On Oct. 18, 1989, Ben-Shalom was promoted to staff sergeant and was nominated for her battalion's "Soldier of the Year" award. According to Ben-Shalom, "I refuse to back down, back out, give in or give up."

Keith Meinhold "came out" on national television in May after a 12-year career in the Navy. During his years of service, Meinhold had seen other lesbians and gays kicked out of the military and after seeing the "witch-hunts," he felt it was time for him to



PATRICK ROBINSON

Miriam Ben Shalom.

take action. He contacted the Human Rights Campaign Fund and they arranged for him to come out on national television.

In an interview with the *Bay Area Reporter*, Meinhold said, "I weighed the loss of my expertise to the military against the possibility of my

being to change the policy for good, and determined that the short-term loss of my experience didn't compare to the long-term benefits of allowing gays and lesbian to serve."

In addition to Meinhold and Ben-Shalom, Mayor-Elect Joe Serna Jr. and Senator Leroy Greene are scheduled to speak at the Tribute.

The traditional Veteran's Day Parade, Nov. 11, may have a gay and lesbian veteran's contingent due to the efforts of Lynn Strawbridge of

the Twin Spirits Veteran's Association.

According to gay veterans activists, efforts to obtain an application to participate in the parade were stonewalled by Parade Chair Carl Johnson.

"He tried to keep us from getting a parade application," said Strawbridge, "However, though the efforts of influential friends, we now have one." The application was sent certified mail and a response is expected by Oct. 21.

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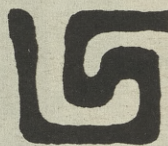
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plea for help and awareness of the situation there.

He spoke of the violence in Oregon against gays and lesbians, sighting attacks on his home, burglaries and a fire-bombing that killed a gay man and lesbian.

"You need to come out to your friends and family in Oregon" he said, this kind of anti-gay bill "will happen here within four years. They, (the religious right wing), are targeting Oregon now, California, Washington and Idaho are next on their list."

The coming out issues of the bi-sexual were vehemently expressed by bi-activist Tracey Brown. "The longer you stay in the closet and enjoy heterosexual privilege, the longer it will take for society to change," she said.

Political optimism surrounded the evening celebration of National Coming Out Day as three hundred people gathered at the Radisson Hotel for the 9th Annual River City Democratic Club (RCDC) Awards Dinner.

"This is a very exciting time for the lesbian/gay community," said keynote speaker San Francisco Supervisor Carol Migden, "We have done our job -- we have candidates that support our agenda and we can get them elected."

The Names Project Memorial Quilt was the subject of a photo montage taken just a day before in Washington D.C. by Brian Ashby. The memorial was displayed in its entirety for the last time due to the growing size of the Quilt.

Lambda Award recipients spoke on their continuing dedication to the gay rights

movement, and some reflected the day rally with the call to action against the people who would like to strip away the rights we have today.

"We have a war on our hands," said award recipient Marghe Covino, "we must give to gay organizations - we must tithe as the fundamentalists do to maintain our strengths to fight those whose goal is to take away our rights."

Another award recipient, Vannah Woolsey-What, (Hal

Griffiths), brought an air of lightness to the event. "I wondered how I fit in with the other recipients of these awards," she said, "but then I never worried about fitting in as long as I was properly accessorized."

In addition to Woolsey-What and Covino, the other recipients of Lambda Awards this year were Boyce Hinman of the Lambda Letters Project, and Angela Curiale a psychologist and professor at Sacramento City College.

Receiving the Stanley S. Hadden Award was past president of RCDC, Karl Greene. In a surprisingly short speech, Greene thanked the crowd and asked that they, "help get Democrats elected."

cation to the importance of coming out. "I stand before you, a man who has found freedom."

Other highlights of the evening was a video titled "Coming Out, Coming Around," and a slide presentation.

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disagreement with the proposal, predicting "tremendous financial impact on local businesses."

Gillis and Boyd reminded him and the council that there would be no "direct" expense to the city. Boyd mentioned that many senior citizens would benefit by not losing their Social Security or state benefits if they could live together without marriage in

an otherwise safe and compatible situation.

The only other dissenter was Josh Pane, whose recently redistricted area now encompasses much of Lavender Heights. He nonchalantly explained his negative vote by passing the buck: "I believe this (domestic partners issue) should be kept at the state level."

But it was Mayor-Elect Joe Serna who captured the issue as eminently local and personal. "I've spent all of my

adult life advocating civil rights," he said. "People before us this evening are of that same position. An extension of those rights that many of us here fought for recognizes diversity. Insidious discrimination should never be tolerated." "These are citizens we're talking about and I believe it's time."

Lynn Robie seconded Serna's motion to approve the ordinance by adding, "We should do it because it's right!"

Terry Kastanis voted yes because he said he became convinced by speaker Betty Brill that it would help many of his constituents who are seniors.

Heather Fargo gave a quick, clear, substantive yes vote, but it was Lyla Ferris who had the audience worried, even up to her final remark. "Because I'm very active in my church," she said, "I've had a number of people approach me on the moral grounds (of this issue). As I read this ordinance I find it doesn't say anything about morality and I don't think it should." She concluded saying, "We are talking about civil rights -- it's very fair," adding her yes vote, whereupon thunderous applause shook the room.

"Our action tonight," declared District 6 Councilmember Darrell Steinberg as he voted, "will send a powerful message that human rights are not subjective entitlements to be based on moral judgments, but are rights for everyone. Tolerance and respect are more powerful than division and intolerance."

Michael Boyd concluded, "Months of work by dedicated people here finally brought the city to see these issues for what they are -- civil rights."

Tom Chinn may have summed up the council's action in his own words: "This is not the end. This is only the beginning."



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Death With Dignity - Is it the Law We Need?

by Lora Connolly

Proposition 161, the "physician-aid-in-dying" ballot initiative will undoubtedly be the most personal and volatile issue confronting California's voters on Nov. 3.

The measure would permit terminally ill adults who are mentally competent and who have filled out the required directive, to ask their physician for assistance in dying in a dignified and painless manner.

Physicians whose ethical beliefs prohibit them from assisting in such an act would be required to refer patients to a doctor who would assist them. The death would not be ruled a suicide and would not affect life insurance benefits.

To date, California has lead the country in developing legislation dealing with death and dying. In 1976, California passed the Natural Death Act permitting terminally ill individuals to prepare a directive authorizing their physician to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining procedures or artificial supports.

California also enacted the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, which permits adults to authorize an individual to make health decisions for them should they be unable to do so, and allows the signer to state the types of medical treatment and intervention he or she would select.

Proponents of Prop 161

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believe Californians are now ready to go the next step and permit physicians to assist in making death quicker and less painful. Supporters of the measure include the California Older Women's League, several Grey Panther chapters, the National Organization for Women, and the California Psychological Association, among others. The Hemlock Society claims that their poll of 600 California physicians indicates that 23% had already "helped people to die" and more than half of the respondents would practice euthanasia if it were legal.

But opponents to the measure include several medical groups including the California Hospice Association and the California Medical Association (CMA). Many religious denominations also oppose the initiative, the most vocal and well organized opposition coming from the Catholic Church, which has raised close to \$200,000 to fight the measure.

Other opponents argue that doctors should not be put in

the role of taking a life. Ethicists and advocates for the elderly fear that enactment of this type of legislation will pressure the chronically and terminally ill to end their lives, particularly if their care involves expensive medical resources.

The values expressed by both the proponents and opponents of the measure are shared by many People with

tion, and Services (CARES), strongly supports the concept of physician assisted death, but opposes Prop 161 because, from his perspective, the measure lacks some very necessary safeguards. "The patient should have all pain controlled by appropriate means, and the initiative does not adequately address pain control," says Dr. Flynn. Nor are there, from his perspective, adequate safe-

may have information that would assist the physician in evaluating the patient's requests. This should be required," continues Flynn.

From his perspective, a patient's choice should not be driven by pain or emotional distress; it should be based on the individual's philosophy of life and what constitutes an acceptable quality of life for him or her. Flynn would also want to see some type of process whereby an immediate family member/lover could appeal the decision to an ethics committee or some other designated entity.

While a measure similar to Prop 161 failed by a slim margin in Washington state in 1990, recent polls show that between 63% to 74% of Americans support the view that a physician should be allowed to assist a terminally ill patient who chooses to end his or her life. The debate over this issue is likely to gain intense attention during these final weeks leading up to the election.

**"The initiative does not
adequately address
pain control"**

Dr. Neil Flynn

AIDS (PWAs) and those who care for them. Some AIDS activists have come out in support of the proposition, although no major gay/lesbian or AIDS organizations have publically done so.

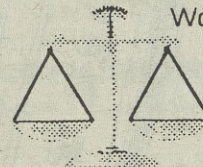
Dr. Ronald Koons, an oncologist and hospice activist from Laguna Hills supports Prop 161, particularly for PWAs, because he feels that if doctors promise to help at the end as the Initiative would allow, many AIDS patients will be willing to grapple with their disease longer.

Neil Flynn M.D., Medical Director of Sacramento's Center for AIDS Research, Educa-

guards to rule out someone choosing this option due to treatable depression or to escape difficult choices or matters that need resolution prior to their death. "If family exists, the treating physician should be required to talk with the family regarding the patient's desires. The family

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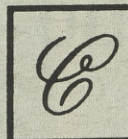


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don (of Thelma and Louise fame). Saturday's readers included potential second lady Tipper Gore, Actress Liza Minelli (who also led the candle-light march that evening), CBS news producer Rob Her- shman, Academy Award win- ning composer of *The Little Mermaid* and *Beauty And The Beast* Alan Menken (whose lyricist Howard Ashmen is memorialized on the quilt), and Ryan White's mother, Jeanne White-Ginder.

Reaction to the quilt ranged from silent tears and

embraces to angry denuncia- tions of government inaction.

Fierstein, in a candid moment after reading his list, said, "I don't have many friends left I know for more than six years. The grieving's so large." Asked what people can do, he re- plied, "Vote! Vote! Vote! We need someone in the White House who has the balls to say the word AIDS publicly."

Actress Sarandon, holding her infant son, said, "It (AIDS) is an issue that has been embraced by the Democrats and ignored by the Republi- cans. And judging by the convention, the Republicans seem to have a very hostile attitude toward a lot of the

people who are sick."

Of her son, Ryan White, who is represented by 25 separate panels made by stu- dents from across the nation,

"We need to accelerate the drug approval process"

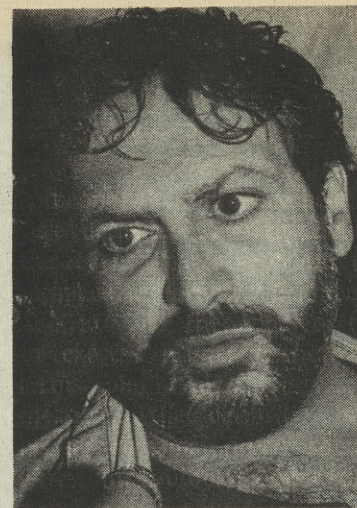
Gov. Bill Clinton

Jeanne White-Ginder said, "He was a hero, because he was able to fight the disease and not the people. He taught us not to discriminate. If it had not been for the gay com- munity, my son would not have gotten the care he did."

Across the country in St. Louis on Sunday, the epidemic was the subject of a question which John Mashek of the *Boston Globe* put to President Bush during the first round of

presidential debates: "Yes- terday, tens of thousands of people paraded by the White House to demonstrate their concern about the disease AIDS. Where is this widespread feeling coming from that your administration is not doing enough about AIDS?"

Bush responded that the extremes (he mentioned ACT- UP by name,) are hurting the AIDS cause and should not be listened to because they make it impossible to speak rational- ly about the issue. Of the health crisis, Governor Bill Clinton said, "We need to put one person in charge of the battle against AIDS to cut across all the agencies that deal with it. We need to ac- celerate the drug approval process. We need to fully fund the act named for that won- derful boy, Ryan White." He added, "The reason Magic Johnson resigned the AIDS commission is because the statement you heard tonight from Mr. Bush is the longest and best statement he's made



BRIAN ASHEY

Harvey Fierstein after reading names on the quilt in the rain.

about it in public." Perot made a quick statement and then used the rest of his minute to address former questions.

The message of the quilt is beginning to reverberate at the highest levels of our na- tional life. The meaning of the quilt was eloquently described by "Lou" from Cleveland, who came to Washington with a new panel which he made for his deceased lover and who refused to give his last name for fear of homophobic reper- cussions back home. "Pain caused the panels. Pain made the panels. Now maybe from all of this we can rise from that and have some healing."

Indeed, thousands came to the quilt this weekend seem- ing to look to its vast expanse for some measure of comfort.

For information on the quilt, call 1-800-221-NAMES.

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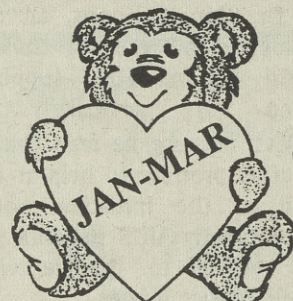
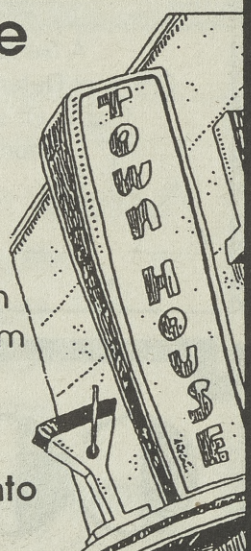
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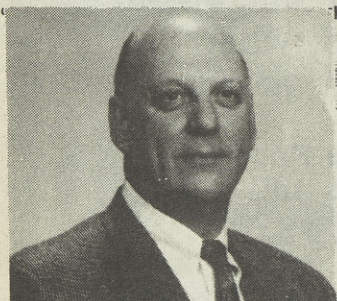


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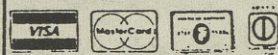
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Lesbian Family Billboard Campaign to Begin

by Kate Moore

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), announced a campaign to draw attention to lesbian families using 23 billboards throughout the state. The first one is expected to go up here in Sacramento.

The campaign, due to blanket California in late October, highlights a lesbian couple, one pregnant, with the tag line "Another Traditional Family."

The campaign was arranged through a public affairs program offered by the Patrick Media Group, one of the nation's leading outdoor advertising firms.

According to Trish McDermott, spokesperson for GLADD, "The Patrick Media people have been incredible, they have donated the billboards to help us make this statement."

A press conference is scheduled for Oct. 22 in San Francisco to help draw attention to the billboards and to educate the public on the reason-



Another traditional family.

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The billboard is expected to go up in Sacramento at the end of October.

ing behind it. "We are not placing these billboards where we know we have support,"

said McDermott, "We are placing them where they will touch the people who need to understand that we are families too."

After the California launch, GLAAD intends to expand the campaign on a national basis.

The couple featured in the campaign are an interracial lesbian family living in San Francisco. Nine months pregnant at the time the photo was taken, Pat and Karen Norman now have a happy

and healthy two month old baby boy. "Karen and I have been together for more than nine years and we have always considered ourselves a family. We share the same concerns as the parents of any newborn do. We want our son Zachary to grow up in a safe and loving environment, free from discrimination. We hope that by contributing to this campaign, we can help make that a reality," says Pat Norman.

Safe-sex Ad Worries Marines

A San Francisco AIDS Foundation safe-sex ad has angered the United States Marines enough to threaten the AIDS service provider with a lawsuit.

The ad depicts two nude male figures rapped in an intimate embrace, one behind the other. The controversy stems from the Marine Corps emblem tattoo, (an eagle,

globe and anchor,) on the dominant partner. The ad titled, "Sex is Good," ran in June in the San Francisco Chronicle and Herald.

Maj. K.H. Winters, an

assistant Marine Corps Judge Advocate (lawyer), wrote to AIDS Foundation and told them to cease and desist from using the 200 year old emblem and destroy all working proofs. The letter indicated that by having the tattooed emblem on the shoulder of two gay men, might imply that the Marine Corps condones homosexuality.

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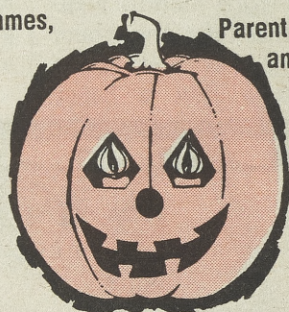


16friday

The B-52 and the Violent Femmes, at Cal Expo.

17saturday

Pumpkin & Art Festival on Main Street in downtown Half Moon Bay. For more info call (415) 726-9652.



20tuesday

Parent and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, meeting at the United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way.

Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change general meeting, 7 p.m. at the Lambda Center.

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23friday

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25sunday

"A Raisin in the Sun," at the Sacramento Theater Company, 1419 H Street. Call 443-6722 for info. Oct. 25 - Nov. 17

26monday

Women's Rap & Social Group at the Lambda Center, 1931 L Street. The topic for the 7:15 meeting is "You call this creative? A discussion on lesbian writers."

Black Crows at UC Davis, Rec Hall.

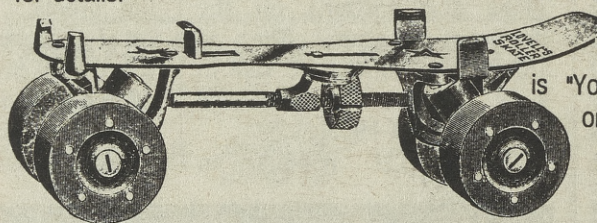
ACT-UP

Meeting at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street, 8 p.m.

22thursday

"Brother Malcolm X: Reminiscences of a Black Revolutionary" a presentation of the life and history of the late Civil Rights leader in CSUS Redwood Rm. 11:45 a.m.

SAGA Skate Party at the Foothill Skate Inn, 4700 Auburn Blvd. \$5 includes admission and skate rental. Call 635-1535 for details.



MONDAYS

Worried Well support group for HIV Negative people effected by HIV Postive loved ones. 1st & 3rd Mondays 6:30 p.m. For more info call 448-2436.

Men's Coming Out Group at the Lambda Center from 5:30 - 7 p.m. For info call 442-0185

Lesbian & Gay Town Council meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. 448-0422.

Women's Group for Survivors of Sexual Abuse meets every other Monday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Facilitated by Melinda Facelli, MFCC (Intern) #IMF 15850. For info call 783-0579.

TUESDAYS

Being Gay Today, 10 p.m. on cable 18. An hour of lesbian & gay programming from around the country & beyond.

Heart to Heart, a HIV+ support group that is for gay and bi men to talk about common emotions. 6:30 - 8 p.m. 920 20th Street. Call 448-2437 for info.

Sacramento Leather Association monthly meeting at the Wreck Room at 7 p.m. First Tuesday of each month. For info call 737-0651.

WEDNESDAYS

Ladies Night at Faces

THURSDAYS

Being Gay Today, 9 p.m. on cable channel 18. One hour of quality lesbian & gay entertainment and commentary from around the country and around the world.

Being Alive Living Room an HIV Positive social group from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center. Call 442-0185 for info.

Lesbian Support Group for Partners of Incest/Molest Survivors. The 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at 1701 H Street. For info call 722-4570.

FRIDAYS

Cafe' Lambda gay/lesbian coffee house at the Lambda Community Center featuring select coffees, desserts and entertainment from 8 p.m. til midnight. For info call 442-0185.

Country Western Dance at The activity center of the River City Metropolitan Community Church 7:30 p.m. 34th & Broadway. For info call 454-4726.

SATURDAYS

Gay Men's/Lesbian Running Group, all levels welcome. For more info call 387-8275 or 444-2835.

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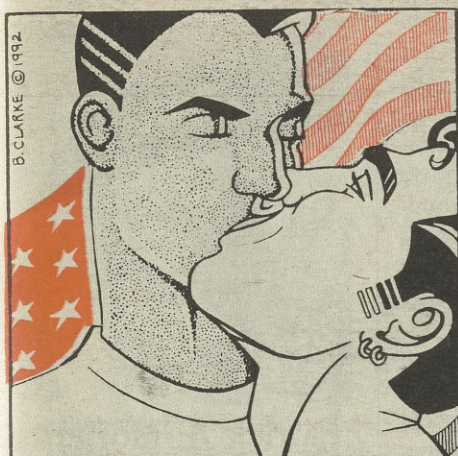
River City Metropolitan Community Church; 7 a.m. communion service, 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship service. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 454-4762.

Gay Families, a support group for gay men and lesbians with children and those considering parenthood. The 4th Sunday of the month. For info call 387-8862.

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28 wednesday

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March on Washington meeting at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street, 8 p.m.

29 thursday

"Nitrate Kisses" at the Castro Theater in San Francisco, 7:30 p.m. For tickets call (415) 552-FILM.

Lafayette String Quartet at Freeborn Hall, Davis - 8 p.m. Call 752-1915 for tickets.



30 friday

The Howling a Halloween Concert by the Sacramento Women's Chorus and the Treblemakers. 8 p.m. 2331 K Street. For more info call 448-4573.

Caron Vikre Concert at Cafe Montreal. Call 446-9323 for more details.

31 saturday

Halloween

Back from the Crypt - The Hellfire Ball Returns! an event produced by the Sacramento Men's Chorus, sponsored by the latest ISSUE and Patlar. Tickets are available at the Gifted Gardener.

SACWN's Halloween Dance at the Unitarian Hall. 8 - 12 p.m. An event for women, 21 and over. Call 486-8985 for details.



Youth Halloween Party at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street, 5 - 11 p.m.

Elton John, at the Arco Arena.

November



1 sunday

The Black Crows at the Concord Pavillion Tickets at all BASS ticket outlets.



"Once on this Island," a Caribbean romance in song and dance, at the Community Center Theater. Call 264-5181 for tickets.

4 wednesday

Film Arts Festival at the Roxie Cinema in San Francisco Call (415) 552-FILM for details.



6 friday

Rosenberg Dance Ensemble's Fall Concert at the 24th Street Theater, 2791 24th Street. Call 451-9366 for information.

7 saturday

Tribute to Lesbian and Gay Veterans at the Vietnam Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol. 11 a.m. Buffet following at MCC Grand Ballroom, 34th and Broadway.

No Regrets: The Second Decade of AIDS featuring "Non," "Je Ne Regrette Rien" by Marlon Riggs and other short films at the Roxie Cinema in San Francisco. For info call (415) 552-FILM.

8 sunday **Must see**

"Gay Youth" by Pam Walton at the Roxie Cinema in San Francisco. Call (415) 552-FILM for more details.

9 monday

Substance Use and HIV, a presentation of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 920 20th Street. 7 - 9 p.m.

10 tuesday

Laura Love with Del Ray at the Palms in Davis, 8 p.m. Call 756-8502 for details.



"The Phantom of the Opera," at the Community Center Theater.

11 wednesday

The Men's Session, a workshop on meeting erotic needs safely, at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 920 20th Street. 7 - 9 p.m.

5th Annual Creating Change Conference, at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton



12 thursday

SAGA IV Skate Party at 4700 Auburn Blvd. 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. \$5. For details Call 635-1535.

13 friday

Sacramento Pops, present "The Phantom of the Opera" cinema classic. 8 p.m.

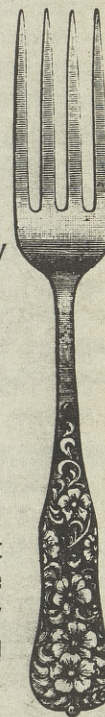
Country Western Dance presented by SLCC at the Camellia Room at the Tuesday Club. \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members. Call 489-9760 for more details.

18 wednesday

"K2" a play starring Timothy Busfield at the B Street Theater, 2711 B Street. For tickets call 443-5300.

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Obituaries



William Jack Harris

A memorial service for William Jack Harris, who died on Aug. 27, was held on Saturday, Sept. 5 at his Pocket Road home in Sacramento.

A native of La Mesa, California, he was born on March 29, 1954, and had been a resident of Sacramento since 1976.

Jack is survived by his life-time partner, Earl Moon; his parents, William and Leah Harris of Victorville, CA; brother Kenneth Harris, sisters

Linda Walker and Laurie Potter and grandparents Gilbert and Gladys Harris.

Jack was one of those rare individuals who leaves behind him such strong memories of his of his joy of living, his compassion and caring for others, his love of beauty and laughter.

While Jack may be gone, his essence will remain always.

Jack was a multi-talented man. At one time he had a rock band and in 1982 won the Valley Knights Motorcycle Club's "E.T. Christmas" talent competition with his singing and organ playing.

He was an employee at the Wreck Room during the early 1980s and had the gift of guiding others out of their problems without ever offending them.

He was an avid gardener. The grounds surrounding his Pocket Road home gave evidence of this; they were lush

with flowers and herbs, shrubs and trees. Here the birds found a haven and many feeders were placed around the garden in the high branches of the trees as a welcome to them.

From the time he learned he was HIV positive, life took on a new meaning for him. He learned to live each day, one day at a time, and each day to its fullest. Always an optimist, he set out to defeat his HIV condition, and it wasn't until a few weeks before his death that he said, "I guess it got me."

So let's salute the memory of Jack Harris, whose joy in life combined with his selflessness and courage during the last days of his life with AIDS made all of us -- his lover, his family and his friends -- richer for having known him. May your soul fly free as the birds of paradise. In peace, love and joy. Thanks Jack, for sharing your life with us.

Carl Ray McCollum

Carl died in Sacramento, Sept. 15 at the age of 30.

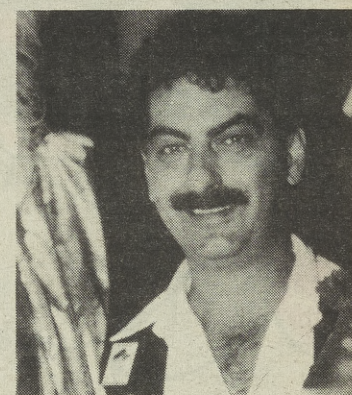
After his AIDS diagnosis in 1986, Carl left the U.S. Air Force where he was an Airplane Refueling Technician.

Recognized as one of Sacramento's best bowlers, his love of the sport led to his proudest accomplishment: winning the bronze medal in Team Bowling in the 1990 Gay Olympics in Vancouver.

He was loving partner of the late Chuck Novak, beloved son of Delores Abernathy and the late Ray McCollum. Devoted brother to Carol White and Donna Evans and brother-in-law to Bryan Evans. Uncle of Keisha and Kevin. He will be greatly missed by many devoted friends.

Carl's memorial service was held in the beautiful McKinley Park Rose Garden, site of the recent service for his devoted Chuck. Their ashes will be

scattered at Jenner Beach near the Russian River, a place of special togetherness for them.



Patrick A. Moriarity

Memorial services were held for Patrick at the River City Metropolitan Community Church Sept. 19 with a wake directly following at the Western.

Patrick was one of the original founders of the Fairy Godfather Fund and held the title of Grand Duke X of the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire.

Patrick was born in Iowa and joined the Air Force in 1971. He served in the Air Force from 1971-75, and then moved to the San Fernando Valley. He then relocated to Sacramento in the early 1980s and began working for Macy's as a store display designer. After a few years he resigned his position with Macy's and became a bartender at the Western where he worked for 6 years.

He was loved and will be missed by his partner of 5 years, Robert Mitchell, his mother Sadonna, sister Mary, brothers James and Michael, and by many, many friends.

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Learning to Protect Your Civil Rights

by Lora Connolly

In 1988, Jay and his partner of ten years, Steve, were planning their retirement when Jay's AIDS diagnosis shattered their life together and all that they held in common.

Margaret, who is retired, has a serious heart condition. Neither she nor her lifetime partner have forgotten the night she was rushed to the emergency room, and the attending cardiologist refused to tell Margaret's partner, stranded out in the waiting room, what her prognosis was or what her plan of care was.

The birthday buttons and jokes about being over the hill belie many stereotypes, but as the years mount up, the health conditions seem to follow. Using the legal options available to us to make health care directives and planning how we would like our property distributed after our death are important for everyone, but particularly for older gays and lesbians.

Quickly admitted to the hospital, Jay never came home after being diagnosed with AIDS. He had a holographic will, executed years ago before a vacation, naming Steve his heir to their home, car, bank accounts, and life insurance policies. Even though Steve and Jay spent holidays with Jay's family, the day after Jay's death, his sister arrived at their home and "cleared out" all of what she identified as Jay's possessions. The family contested the will and won. Steve was left with nothing.

Jane Pierce, a Sacramento attorney with many gay and lesbian clients, remembers the couple with great sadness. "If they had a properly executed will, the odds are that would never have happen," she mused.

Nan Goodart, another Sacramento attorney and author

of a guide to estate planning entitled "Who Will It Hurt When I Die?", is on a campaign: she wants to get the word out that gays and lesbians need to use the legal system to protect themselves and their loved ones. Because the stories of Jay and Margaret are all too common and strike us all too close to home.

Without a will or a Durable Power of Attorney, California law directs a judge to give priority to (1) a spouse or person nominated by the spouse; (2) adult children or person nominated by that child; (3) parents or persons nominated by parents; (4) brothers or sisters or persons nominated by brothers or sisters; (5) any other person or entity. Without health care power, Goodart exclaims, "the partner of a gay man or lesbian is the last person on the list to have the power to make medical decisions for them if they lack the capacity to do so themselves!"

With a properly executed Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (DPAHC), Margaret's partners could have easily demanded the emergency room cardiologist inform her of Margaret's condition and his treatment plan.

It should be noted that both Pearce and Goodart stress the need for properly executed documents. Pearce indicates that when wills are properly executed, less than 5% are successfully contested. Goodart warned against "form" wills and DPAHCs.

Tragic cases have made it clear that younger, as well as older gays and lesbians, need

these legal documents.

Last year, a San Jose lesbian couple became embroiled in a conservatorship battle that mirrors the now famous case of Sharon Kowalski, whose life partner, Karen Thompson, recently lost a five

"Tragic cases have made it clear that gays and lesbians need these legal documents."

year court battle with Sharon's family to be named her legal guardian. In this local case, Ann Schubert had a generic DPAHC naming her partner of nine years, Chris Olds, as her designee in the event she could not make her own health decisions. Following a series of strokes last year, Ann's stepfather challenged Chris' right to control Ann's care. "The lesson here isn't that DPAHC don't work. The lesson is that not all DPAHC are created equal," Goodart explains.

Important Legal Documents to Consider:

Wills provide for the disposition of your property at the time of your death. If no

will is prepared, property will pass on to beneficiaries determined by the state. In California, the property of unmarried persons will pass in the following order: (1) to the individual's parents; (2) to his/her children; and (3) to his/her brothers/sisters.

Property would never pass to a life partner unless that individual was a blood relative and there were no other family members. A will is very important if you want to leave any thing behind to a significant other.

Living Trust permits an individual to transfer his/her assets into a trust. During his/her lifetime, that individual remains the trustee. However, a succeeding trustee is named in the event that the individual becomes incapacitated. The advantages of a living will are that it avoids probate; it can avoid the need for a court appointed conservatorship if the individual can no longer manage their financial affairs; and it stipulates who will inherit the individual's assets after they have died.

Durable Power of Attorney for Finance permits an individual to name an agent to handle his/her financial affairs should he/she become incapacitated. It can be broadly or narrowly defined. The type of incapacity that would cause this document to become effective can also be stipulated.

Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (DPAHC) allows individuals to designate

someone who will make health care decisions for him/her in the event that they become incapacitated. The document also provides the opportunity to express his/her wishes in terms of: heroic life saving measures, the disposition of his/her remains, organ donations, and autopsy authorization.

Lora Connolly would like to interview more older gays and lesbians for this series. If you would be willing to be interviewed, please contact her at the latest ISSUE at (916) 448-8504 and remember to leave your name and phone number.



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Singers That Start with an "S" for a Hundred

by Bill Peterson

Sinead O'Connor -- "Am I Not Your Girl?"

Have you been wondering whatever became of Helen Reddy? Well, I believe that Sinead has been gifted with the voice that sang "I Am Woman."

Listen to this album's "Success Has Made a Failure of Our Home," and see if you don't agree.

"Am I Not Your Girl" is the latest in a long line of albums

which re-tread classic songs of yesteryear, but O'Connor can't be accused of the chirpy naïveté that similar albums by others, including Linda Ronstadt's trio of big band albums, seem to invariably fall into.

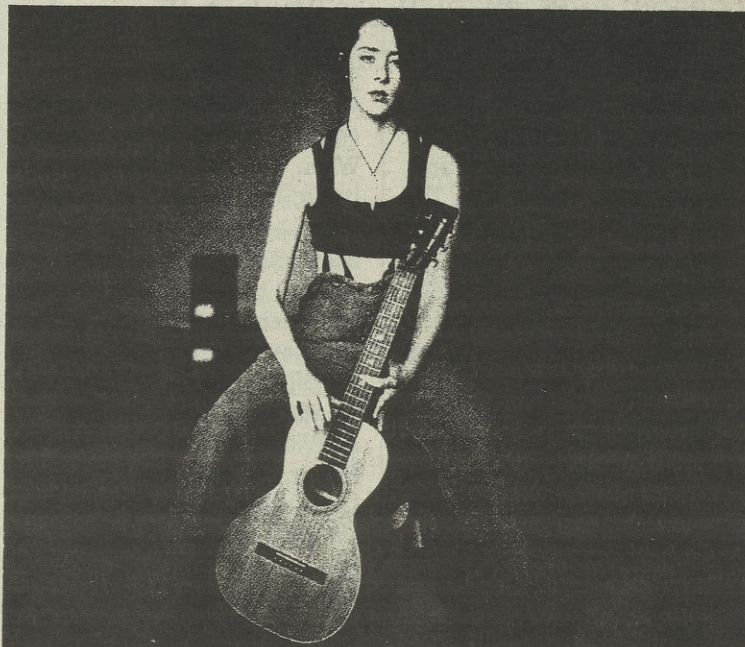
Sinead's take on "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered" re-introduces some adult lyrics which Ronstadt deleted -- "I worship the trousers that/ cling to him" -- which make for a more interesting and lusty song than the sanitized Ronstadt version. Worth \$10.59

Suzanne Vega -- "99.9F"

Thanks to DNA's remixed version of "Tom's Diner," and an a capella track from Vega's 2nd album, it seems that Vega has received a creative transfusion which creates a new interest in her distinctive yet repetitive musical palette.

On this, album number four, Suzanne presents a folk music for the 90s which seems more revolutionary in print than it actually sounds.

Merging her simple acoustic



Suzanne Vega from her CD 99.9F.

guitar and wispy, deadpan voice with some drums and industrial percussion, Vega also has come up with some of her most memorable tunes, especially "Blood Makes Noise," "Fat Man and Dancing Girl" and "In Liverpool." Worth \$12.00

rage/ I had a dream I was your hero."

"Tongues and Tails" is a strong debut which holds promise for Sophie B's future. Worth \$9.99

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Sophie B. Hawkins -- "Tongues and Tails"

This summer's top 10 hit "Damn, I Wish I Was Your Lover"

served as an apt introduction to a new and exciting talent.

On her debut album, Hawkins serves up several other intriguing studies of life, love and longing.

Not just another pop tart, Hawkins shows an intellect and perceptiveness, with her strongest material being songs of sensual longing "We Are One Body," her cover of Bob Dylan's "I Want You" and "Damn, I Wish...", "That old dog has chained you up alright/ Give you everything you need/ To live inside a twisted cage/ Sleep beside and empty

KWOD - a - Palooza

Finally, this month's blue-light special is -- or rather -- was, KWOD-a-Palooza at the Radisson Hotel.

On Oct. 7, in the balmy night, KWOD 106 presented Sacramento's own version of Lollapalooza, the eclectic touring menagerie of alternative bands, artists and worthy causes which toured the nation, but skipped Sacramento earlier this summer.

The five hour concert and awareness raising festival featured local band Cause & Effect, progressive up and comers Material Issue and Shakespear's Sister among others.

The most notable performance of the concert was by Marcella Detroit of Shakespear's Sister. Although the set was cut short by technical difficulties and curfew limits, her soaring vocals made up for it all.

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Film Festival a Sold-Out Blockbuster

by Chris Narloch

The triumph of the First Annual Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Film Festival Oct. 8 at the Crest Theater took even its organizers by surprise.

The event raised a great deal of money for charity while entertaining a sold-out crowd of river city residents starved for gay entertainment.

The one-night-only festival, which turned away several hundred people at the door, was sponsored by Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Sacramento (GLAS).

Six eclectic short films made up the program:

"Billy Turner's Secret", an African-American work by actor-director Michael Mayson, was my personal favorite. The story of roommates Bill and Rufus, one gay and one straight, was an accomplished urban drama with delicious comic overtones. The hip, funny (and frequently profane) dialogue played fast and furious, with Billy's sassy, finger-snapping buddy unleashing one howler after another.

Slick direction by Mayson, and a talented cast of young actors allowed "Billy Turner's Secret" to soar. At twenty-six minutes, it had more to say about racism, sexism and various types of denial than any of Spike Lee's full-length features.

The audience favorite, at least for the men, appeared to be Mark Christopher's "The Dead Boys Club", a wonderful gay variation on the Cinderella story. In this version, a young gay man is transported back to a world of endless disco music and sexual hedon-

ism when he dons shoes owned by an AIDS victim who appears to have lived a very full life.

Nat DeWolf played Toby with just the right mixture of sheepishness and longing. Sexy, witty and poignant, "The Dead Boys Club" proved once and for all that the right pair of shoes can make all the difference.

The other male-oriented film, "Flames of Passion" detailed the story of a commuter's obsession with photographs he finds of another man at a train depot. "Flames" boasted a hypnotic score, stunning black and white photography and smooth film-making. Unfortunately, a predictable finish and a rather bland lead actor left me slightly disappointed.

For my money, the longer lesbian works were less satisfying, but the female contingent in the audience didn't seem to mind. "Justine's Film" started out strong as its heroine narrated her attempt to recover from an unrequited love affair. The title character, determined to avoid another broken heart, undertakes a kind of twelve-step program to keep from falling in love. The very funny scenes with three friends who come to her emotional aid almost made up for the repetitive, overlong script.

"Can't You Take a Joke?", an ambitious piece involving a



lesbian cartoonist whose life imitates her art (or is it the other way around?) left me completely cold. Billed as fanciful film noir, it was more like film "drab." *

"I Got This Way From Kissin' Girls" provided the perfect coda for the evening. At only eight minutes in length, Julie Butler's ode to female love was the simplest, yet most fun, of the lesbian pieces. Quick cuts of various women kissing other women were set to three great tunes by Patsy Cline, Eartha Kitt and the Everly Brothers. Warm, sexy and funny, this "short" short sent the audience out on a cloud of romance.

All in all, an auspicious debut for what promises to be an annual staple of gay cul-

tribute over \$3,000 to two deserving local charities, the Lambda Community Fund and the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES).

For those who missed the festival this time, don't despair. Talk is already underway for the next year's event, which organizers say will be even bigger and better, with a hoped-for three day slate of gay cinema from around the world.

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ture in Sacramento. The organizers are to be congratulated for pulling it off, and those who got in helped con-

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GALLERY GUIDE!

Thiebaud Brings the Past to the Present

by D. Oldham

"**V**ision and Revision is the first book to feature the hand-colored prints of Sacramento artist Wayne Thiebaud.

Pictured in the ample color reproductions are images spanning four decades of the artist's prints. An overview of the daily objects for which he has become famous: lipsticks and shoes, urban city-scapes, as well as his signature rows of cakes and pies.

The book is a catalog for the successful 1991 exhibition "Vision and Revision: Hand-

Colored Prints by Wayne Thiebaud," which was held at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco.

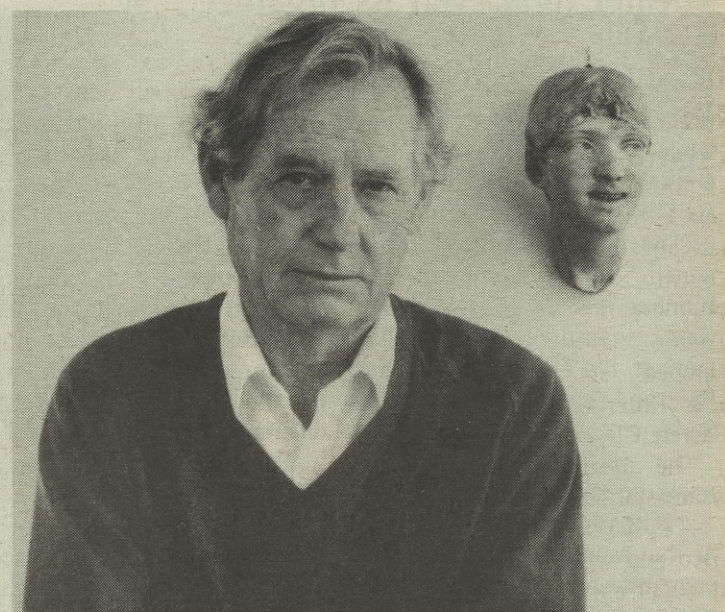
This collection of work brings together the artist's vision of the ordinary and familiar, and the revision of these prints that were finished but somehow left incomplete.

The original prints, (some date back to the sixties), have

been reworked and some almost redesigned, using a wide range of mediums from watercolor to charcoal.

The 1964 drypoint etching "Chocolate Pies," has been reworked using the dark, often harsh colors that filled the artist's pallet in the eighties, causing the image to lose the creamy pastel feeling of the dessert paintings in the sixties. These prints allow the viewer to get a bit of past and present from the same piece of Thiebaud's work.

"As I began work on these prints assembled here I considered each as an individual autonomous piece," writes Thiebaud in the book's introduction, "I hope they will be



Wayne Thiebaud.

as interesting for others to see, as they have been for me to work upon."

The artist's introduction is an honest and revealing explanation of how these works gathered through the years and why the artist chose to "revitalize" them through hand coloring.

Thiebaud offers the viewer an open look at the importance of the print and artist's struggle with the medium.

In addition to the introduction and the stunning color plates, the book includes an essay about the artist by Bill Berkson and a history on hand-colored prints written by

Robert Flynn Johnson, the curator in charge of the Archibach Foundation for the Graphic Arts at the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco.

Johnson does a fine job of tracing the importance of this art form, making it an excellent outline for the novice print enthusiast.

"Vision and Revision" is available for \$19.95 in a soft-bound edition.

Tower Books on Broadway will be hosting a book-signing with Wayne Thiebaud on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 2:30 - 3 p.m. Call them at (916) 444-6688.

This is a rare opportunity to meet the artist and have your copy of "Vision and Revision" signed and trip through the images that have made Wayne Thiebaud a national success.

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New York City's Gay and Lesbian television variety series, "In The Life," will not be shown by local PBS station KVIE channel 6.

"In the Life," is a variety series that explores gay and lesbian culture across the country and will feature in its premiere show, comedienne Lily Tomlin, along with "Bewitched" star, Dick Sargent and "Entertainment Tonight's" Garrett Glaser.

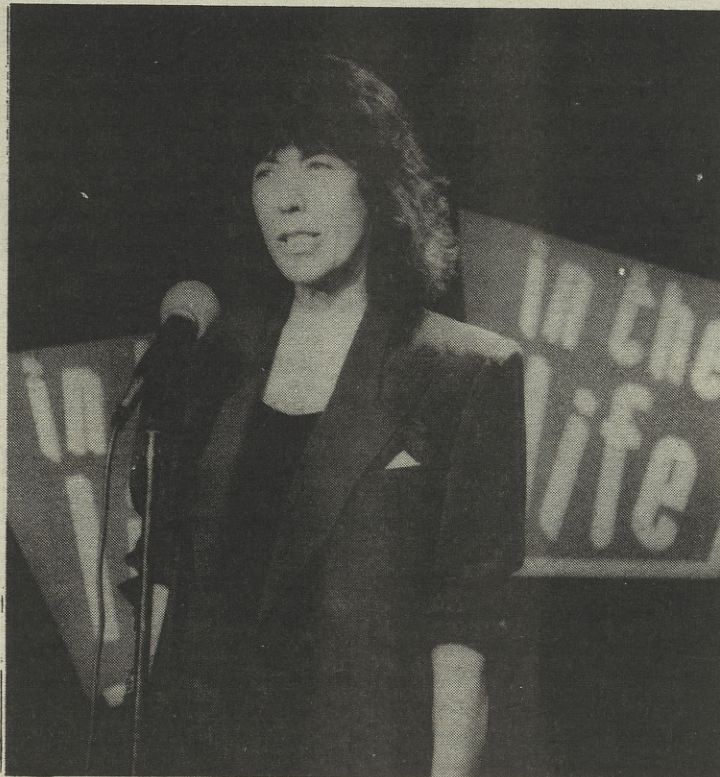
The nearest public television station to show "In The Life" is KQED-TV in San Francisco and will air there Nov. 4 at 10:30 p.m.

John Scagliotti, executive producer of "In The Life" says "Our program is for anyone

willing to accept the challenge that gay realities are human realities. My hope is that the heterosexual community, in addition to the homosexual community, will understand and accept that gays and lesbians touch every aspect of contemporary life, influencing styles, attitudes, the arts and politics."

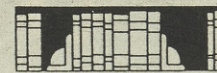
Public Broadcasting Stations have been under attack by the religious right wing for showing other gay positive programs like "Tongues Untied" and the "Lost Language of the Cranes."

Sacramento's PBS Program Manager, Susan Prince said that "the content of the show was not an issue, we've covered issues people find controversial." However, she found the quality of the program "below the standards that our viewers have come to expect."



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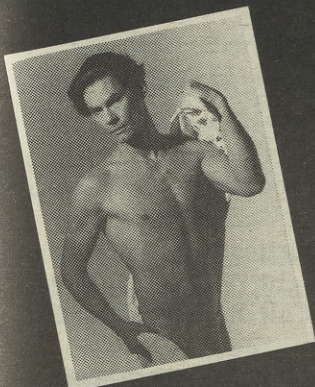
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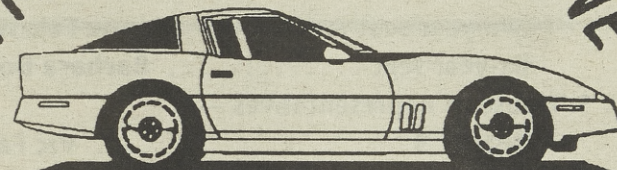
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Those fabulous professionals from Rainbow Real Estate raised a whopping \$800, to benefit local AIDS charities and soup kitchens, at their weekend rummage sale. Spotted shopping Saturday afternoon were Realtor Thomas Vasquez, eyeing the ladies lingerie and

Jayne Rountree, checking out the old Robin Tyler albums. The Mercantile Saloon cele-

and wished out loud for a lifespan of at least another five. (For himself, not the bar.)



Rainbow Real Estate Professionals camp it up at rummage sale.

brated its 15th anniversary in style Oct. 3, with a great drag show emceed by Emperor Paul and Empress Stacey. Queen Bee Bobette tearfully thanked the crowd for 15 great years.

Happy October birthday to the currently globetrotting Michael J. Patterson, graphic designer extraordinaire, and to Cindy S., coach for the felony crowd, who refuses to look her age. Get wrinkles! Go gray! Sag, why don't you? You make the rest of us look bad.

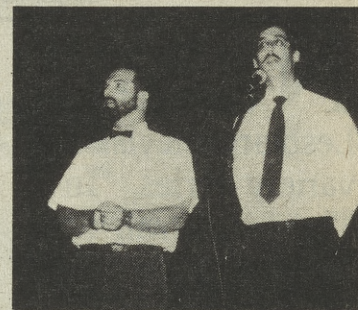
Kudos, congrats, and pats on the back to Delta Lambda Phi and GLAS for an outstanding first annual Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. The event,

which sold out, raised \$3,000 for CARES and Lambda and was a ton of fun, as well.

Condom Contessa Ron Rosenblatt and his partner Jeff just celebrated their first anniversary. And you thought a relationship that started out as a cheap, bar pickup could never last! Congratulations you two.

Proof is in that even Rumor Has It doesn't know it all. Last month we ran a photo of Frank Holt, former owner of the Underpass/Broadway, celebrating with the old gang at a reunion party. In the photo caption we omitted the name of Frank's partner of 15 years, David Hunt, identifying him as "a good friend." Well, the truth is after 15 years, Frank and David are much more than good friends. And on July 12 they made their relationship official with a ceremony at Joseph's. So, we admit it. "Good friend" was pretty far off the mark.

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James Delaire and Allen Cole at the Film Festival.

mento Men's Chorus, the Patlar, and the latest ISSUE is one great idea. Tickets are only \$5, so if you're party hopping, be sure to stop by.

Martin Perot, I mean Casey, has announced that he will not take over as new publisher at the Patlar after all. After a great deal of research and introspection Martin has decided that the role of publisher is not for him.

Please, please, please remember that Nov. 3 is election day. There are zillions of good reasons to vote. But if none of them strike you, remember this: If you don't vote you can't complain. So get out there and do your duty!

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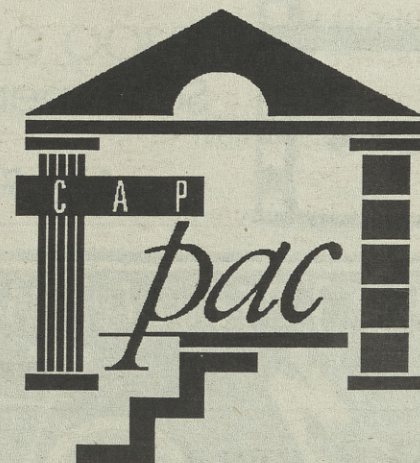
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